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There is much of the grace and charm of good writing in Miss Sedgwick's story, but we miss it in the last—another good story spoiled in the telling. Mr. Howells drew a picture of the young girl enthralled in long ago in "Indian Summer," but with his quiet humor and gentle tolerance he left the impression of blundering youthfulness which awakened tenderness. Miss Sedgwick's heroine is a small little cat with sharp claws and we don't like her. "A Fountain Sealed" is published by the Century Company.

Books for the Young. A book that children should like and a distinct addition to nursery literature is Margaret Compton's "American Indian Fairy Tales" (Dodd, Mead and Company). The author has gone to the Indian folk lore for her subjects but has not lost sight of the children she is addressing. There is no instruction here, no sugared archeology or

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